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SUBJECT : "FYI -- Allegations and Answers"

ALLEGATION:

Mr. Jack Anderson's columns of 21 and 22 March alleged that CIA worked with ITT against President Allende of Chile in 1970. Mr. William V. Broe was named as CIA's contact with ITT.

ANSWER:

1. The Department of State made the following statement to the press on 23 March 1972:

Let me say at the outset that the firm and continuing policy of the USG toward the Government of Chile has been repeatedly expressed by the President, most recently in his foreign policy report to Congress, in which he said:

"In our view, the hemisphere community is big enough, mature enough and tolerant enough to accept a diversity of national approaches to human goals. We therefore deal realistically with governments as they are -- right and left. We have strong preferences and hopes to see free democratic processes prevail, but we cannot impose our political structure on other nations. We respect the hemispheric principle of non-intervention. We shape our relations with governments according to their policies and actions as they affect our interests and the interests of the inter-American system, not according to their domestic structures.

"Our relations with Chile are an example. Chile's leaders will not be charmed out of their deeply-held convictions by gestures on our part. We recognize that they are serious men whose ideological principles are, to some extent, frankly in conflict with ours. Nevertheless, our relations will hinge not on their ideology but on their conduct toward the outside world. As I have said many times, we are prepared to have the kind of relationship with the Chilean Government that it is prepared to have with us."

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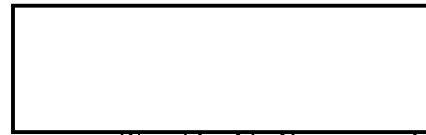
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To that I would add that any ideas of thwarting Chilean constitutional processes during the election period during 1970 were firmly rejected by this Administration.

The State spokesman added that this policy extended to all agencies of the U. S. Government and that no officials of the Government acted contrary to the Administration policy.

2. CIA does not respond publicly to charges about its operational activities, which it undertakes only as directed by proper authority.



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